

In the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph number 1, as follows (the changes on these paragraphs are shown with underlines for added matter):

This application claims the benefit of the filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/430,507, filed on December 3, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety ; this application also claims priority as a continuation-in-part of Appl. No. 09/916,701, entitled "Method for Shifting the Bandgap Energy of a Quantum Well Layer," filed July 26, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.